

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1473

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

**An Act Providing Access to Renewable Energy Resources.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01919 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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### **AN ACT PROVIDING ACCESS TO RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES.**

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make in the interest of the people in the Commonwealth, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 17C of Chapter 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws 2004 Official Edition is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after the word "land" in the second sentence the following: -- ", and to  
3 assist cities, towns and the Forest and Wood Products Education and Development Center to  
4 improve the utilization of the commonwealth's forest resources through a matching grant  
5 program."

6 Section 2. Section 17C of Chapter 58 of the Massachusetts General Laws 2004 Official Edition is  
7 further amended by inserting after subsection (b) the following: -- (c) Twenty-five percent of all  
8 revenue received by the removal of forest products from state owned forest land shall be  
9 deposited in the Forest Products Trust Fund. Such funds collected on or after July 31, 2010 shall  
10 be disbursed through a matching grant program, administered by the State Forester, to improve

11 the utilization of the commonwealth's forest resources by establishing more efficient  
12 transportation, processing and utilization of forest products, or to enable the utilization of  
13 renewable forest biomass as a fuel source.

14 Section 3. The rules and regulations authorized under section two of this act shall be promulgated  
15 by the State Forester prior to July 31, 2010.